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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Mason

Application No.: 10/045,730

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Examiner: To be assigned

For: STERILE, BREATHABLE PATCH FOR TREATING WOUND PAIN Attorney Docket No.: 10071-018-999

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, enclosed are copies of eighty-four (84) references for the Examiner's review and consideration. These references are listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 entitled "List of References Cited by Applicant." The references (AA-DF) are listed in reverse-chronological or alphabetical order.

Identification of the foregoing references is not to be construed as an admission of Applicant or Attorneys for Applicant that such references are available as "prior art" against the subject application. Consequently, Applicant respectfully declines to use form PTO-1449, since that form identifies all of the references cited therein as "Prior Art." As an alternative, Applicant submits herewith a "revised form PTO 1449" entitled "List of References Cited."

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the references and make them of record by completing and returning the enclosed List of References.

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No fee is believed to be due for the submission of this statement, as it is being filed before the mailing of the first office action on the merits. Should any fees be required, however, please charge them to Pennie & Edmonds LLP's Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

Respectfully submitted,

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